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24. (Amended) A process [comprising] for purification of GDF-1 protein comprising expressing GDF-1 protein in a mammalian cell line, said GDF-1 protein being secreted into the medium, and isolating said GDF-1 protein from said medium to obtain a product which is substantially free of protein with which it is non-covalently associated.

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30. (Amended) The process according to claim 24 wherein said GDF-1 protein has a molecular weight of 41K or 38K as [shown in Figure 4] determined by SDS-PAGE.

REMARKS

Claims 4-10 and 22-33 are pending. Claims 22-24 and 30 have been amended to overcome indefiniteness rejections. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4-7, 22, 24-25 and 30 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

The claims are directed to GDF-1 proteins, in particular to mammalian and human, mouse and hamster GDF-1 proteins. It is the Examiner's position that the subject matter was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention.